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TREASURER FONG ISSUES \$5.8 MILLION BOND ISSUE FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

SACRAMENTO-- State Treasurer Matt Fong today announced the sale of a \$5.8 million bond issue for the Foundation for Educational Achievement in San Diego. The foundation is the parent corporation of a comprehensive educational system that serves adult educational needs, with a particular emphasis on job and career preparation.

The foundation will use bond proceeds to refinance debt on its administration building in San Diego and certain debt of its affiliate, Cogswell College in Sunnyvale, which offers training in engineering and computer video imaging (CVI). The college will also receive close to \$1.5 million for necessary equipment purchases and reimbursements for project related expenditures.

"This financing is estimated to save a combined \$900,000 in interest costs and it purchases 'state of the art' equipment for Cogswell College" stated Fong. "This infusion of resources is vital to Cogswell to maintain the rigorous curriculum necessary to train students for today's fast paced and ever changing technical environment."

Recent graduates of Cogswell have worked on such films as "Toy Story" and have made other significant contributions in the field of engineering and computer video imaging.

The bonds were issued through the California Educational Facilities Authority of the Treasurer's Office. They are weekly variable rate bonds, insured with a Aa3/VMIG-1 rating. The bonds were sold through the underwriting firm of John Nuveen & Co., with an initial interest rate of 3.3%.

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